



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL  
INSPECTIONS  
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION  
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LOS ANGELES, CA 90012  
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**Wednesday, October 2, 2013**

**10:00 AM**

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (13-4701)

**Attachments:**    [AUDIO](#)

Present:            Chairperson Eleanor R. Montaña, Vice Chairperson Frank S. Bacio,  
Commissioner Barbara Bigby, Commissioner Anne S. Hill,  
Commissioner Donald S. Andrews and Commissioner Susan Burton

Excused:           Commissioner Cheryl Grills Ph.D. and Maxine Russell M.A.,

Staff Present: Bolaji Famuyiwa and Jenny Kimbell  
(13-4760)

Call to Order. (13-4389)

**Chairperson Montaña called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.**

**Chairperson Montaña led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a  
moment of silence.**

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER**

1. Approval of the September 25, 2013 Minutes. (13-4614)

**On motion of Commissioner Barbara Bigby, seconded by Commissioner  
Donald S. Andrews and unanimously carried, the minutes of September 25,  
2013 were approved.**

**Attachments:**    [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

## **II. REPORTS**

2. Chairperson's Report on various items for October 2, 2013. (13-4615)

**Chairperson Montaña shared the following Newspaper Articles:**

### **Los Angeles Times:**

- **Foot-Dragging on Jail Reform (October 1, 2013)**
- **Sheriff Chided for Role in Videos (October 2, 2013)**
- **A Buffer for Bobcats (October 2, 2013)**

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3. Treasurer's Report for October 2, 2013. (13-4616)

**Vice Chairperson Bacio reported that the current bank statement balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$670.96.**

4. Staff Report on Correspondence Received, and Department Representative Reports for October 2, 2013. (13-4618)

**There was no report presented.**

5. Review of Group Home Compliance Monitoring Audit Reports presented on October 2, 2013. (13-4621)

### **Not at Home:**

- **Vice Chairperson Bacio visited Boy's Republic, Page 3, #3, on September 26, 2013 and reported no one was home.**

6. Commissioners' Reports on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from September 26, 2013 to October 1, 2013. (13-4622)

**During the reporting period, the following Group Homes/Facilities were reported as being in satisfactory conditions:**

- **Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited the Pitchess Detention Facility on September 30, 2013.**
- **Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited Penny Lane, Page 33, #2, on October 1, 2013.**

**During the reporting period, the following Group Home/Facility was reported as being in unsatisfactory condition:**

- Vice Chairperson Bacio and Commissioners Bigby and Grills visited Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall on October 1, 2013 and reported the following unsatisfactory inspection findings:

**Old Building**

- The girls' Special Handling Unit (SHU) needs a new floor and ceiling
- The mental section needs new vents and ceiling
- The toilets are corroded in several rooms of the SHU
- The sinks in rooms #7 and #11 are not working
- Boy's SHU bathroom needs floor repaired
- The windows and sinks are corroded
- Bedroom material has not been changed since it was built
- There is a strong smell in the urinal

**Internal Services Department (ISD) Issues:**

- Plumbing work
- Galvanized pipes
- The copper pipes need to be replaced
- The exposed pipes in the supervisors' offices are rusted
- Plumbing closet for boys SHU rooms, corrosion needs to be cleaned, graffiti removed and painting done

**New Building**

- There is a urine smell in the boy's showers and bathroom stalls
- Insufficient blankets
- The shower only runs hot water once a week
- The tiles in the boy's unit are improperly fitted and poses as a hazard
- The cooking kettle leaks
- There are grout issues

During the reporting period, the following Group Home was visited, but not inspected:

- Commissioner Barbara Bigby visited Hillside's Home For Children, Page 21, #4, on September 27, 2013 and reported no one was at home.

### **III. DISCUSSIONS**

7. Follow up discussion and action for the Commissioners to issue a corrective action form to the group homes only for the non-satisfactory inspection findings that needs to be escalated to the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and Probation Department (Probation) for follow up action. (13-4623)

**Following a brief discussion, Commissioner Bigby made a motion for the Commissioners to issue a corrective action form to the group homes only for the non-satisfactory inspection findings that needs to be escalated to the Department of Children and Family Services and Probation Department for follow up action. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairperson Bacio. The motion passed with the following votes:**

**Ayes:** 4 - Chairperson Eleanor R. Montañó, Vice Chairperson Frank S. Bacio, Commissioner Barbara Bigby and Commissioner Donald S. Andrews

**Noes:** 2 - Commissioner Anne S. Hill and Commissioner Susan Burton

**Excused:** 2 - Commissioner Cheryl Grills Ph.D. and Commissioner Maxine Russell M.A, M.S.

8. Discussion and action regarding the review of DCFS and Probation's Annual Group Home Monitoring Tool to further collaborate the group home inspection activities with DCFS and Probation. (13-4624)

**Commissioner Donald S. Andrews made a motion for the Commission not to incorporate any information from the DCFS and Probation Departments' Group Home Monitoring form into the existing SBC inspection form. Seconded by Vice Chairperson Bacio the motion was unanimously carried.**

9. Discussion, review and action regarding the report/recommendations that was prepared collaboratively with DCFS and Probation in response to the Audit Committee's request. (13-4627)

**This item was tabled to next week's meeting.**

### **IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Matters Not Posted**

10. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (13-4628)

**There were no matters presented for a future agenda.**

**Public Comment**

11. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (13-4629)

**There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.**

**Adjournment**

12. Adjournment for the meeting of October 2, 2013. (13-4630)

**There being no further business, Chairperson Montaña adjourned the meeting of October 2, 2013 at 11:17 a.m.**